

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

**Claims 1-18 (Canceled)**

19. **(New)** An image forming apparatus for performing a trial preceding print, comprising:

a receiver that receives a trial preceding print instruction to print a page of image data without an additional instruction;

a printer configured to perform a trial preceding print by printing the page of image data received in response to receipt of the trial preceding print instruction, without the additional instruction; and

a controller that sets a desired specification by operating a control panel after the printer performs the trial preceding print,

wherein the printer is further configured to print the page of image data according to the desired specification set by the controller.

20. **(New)** An image forming system comprising:

a control panel including a first touch screen menu including a trial printing button configured to, when user selected, initiate a trial preceding print of a page of image data without an additional user selection; and

a printer that performs the trial preceding print by printing the page of image data in response to the selection of the trial printing button; and

a controller that sets a desired specification according to operation of the control panel after the printer performs the trial preceding print;

wherein the printer prints the page of image data according to the desired specification set by the controller.

21. **(New)** An image forming system according to claim 20, further comprising a plurality of data processors that transfer image data to the printer.

22. (New) An image forming system according to claim 20, further comprising a memory for storing the page of image data.

23. (New) An image forming system according to claim 22, further comprising a scanner for scanning at least one original page to obtain a digital image thereof as the page of image data.

24. (New) An image forming system according to claim 20, wherein the control panel further includes a second touch screen menu displayed after the printer performs the trial preceding print, the second touch screen menu including a print button configured to, when user selected, initiate printing the page of image data according to the desired specification set by the controller.

25. (New) An image forming apparatus comprising:  
a control panel including a first touch screen menu including a trial printing button configured to, when user selected, initiate a trial preceding print of image data without an additional user selection; and  
a printer that performs the trial preceding print by printing the image data in response to the selection of the trial printing button; and  
a controller that sets a desired specification according to operation of the control panel after the printer performs the trial preceding print;  
wherein the printer is configured to print the image data according to the desired specification set by the controller.

26. (New) An image forming apparatus according to claim 25, further comprising a receiver that receives the image data using a communication line.

27. (New) An image forming apparatus according to claim 25, further comprising:  
a scanner for scanning at least one original page to obtain a digital image thereof as the image data; and

a memory for storing the image data.

28. (New) An image forming apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the control panel further includes a second touch screen menu displayed after the printer performs the trial preceding print, the second touch screen menu including a print button configured to, when user selected, initiate printing of the image data according to the desired specification set by the controller.

29. (New) An image forming system comprising:  
an image forming apparatus according to claim 25; and  
a plurality of data processors communicatively coupled to the image forming apparatus, and configured to send image data to the image forming apparatus.

30. (New) An image forming apparatus comprising:  
a control panel including a touch screen trial printing button configured to, when user selected, initiate a trial preceding print of image data without an additional user selection; and  
a printer that performs the trial preceding print by printing the image data in response to the selection of the trial printing button; and  
a controller that controls printing of the image data by the printer,  
wherein the control panel further includes a plurality of print value buttons displayed after the printer performs the trial preceding print, the plurality of print value buttons configured to be user selectable to permit the user to change a specification for printing from a specification used for the trial preceding print, and  
wherein the printer is further configured to, if the user changes the specification from the specification used for the trial preceding print, print the image data according to the changed specification.

31. (New) An image forming apparatus according to claim 30, wherein the control panel further includes a touch screen print button configured to, when user selected and if the user does not change the specification for printing, initiate printing of the image data according to the specification used for the trial preceding print.

32. (New) A process for performing a trial preceding print in an image forming apparatus, comprising:

receiving an instruction in response to a selection of a trial preceding button in a first touch screen menu on a control panel of the image forming apparatus to initiate a trial preceding print of a page of image data without an additional user selection;

performing the trial preceding print of the page of image data with a printer in response to the selection of the trial printing button;

setting a desired specification according to operation of the control panel after the printer performs the trial preceding print; and

printing the page of image data with the printer according to the desired specification set by the operation of the control panel.

33. (New) A process according to claim 32, further comprising transferring image data to the printer from a plurality of data processors.

34. (New) A process according to claim 32, further comprising storing the page of image data in a memory.

35. (New) A process according to claim 34, further comprising scanning at least one original page with a scanner to obtain a digital image thereof as the page of image data.

36. (New) A process according to claim 32, further comprising:

displaying a second touch screen menu on the control panel after the printer performs the trial preceding print; and

selecting a print button on the second touch screen menu to initiate printing the page of image data according to the desired specification set by the operation of the control panel.

37. (New) A process for performing a trial preceding print in an image forming apparatus, comprising:

receiving an instruction in response to a selection of a trial preceding button in a first touch screen menu on a control panel of the image forming apparatus to initiate a trial preceding print of image data without an additional user selection;

performing the trial preceding print of the image data with a printer in response to the selection of the trial printing button;

setting a desired specification according to operation of the control panel after the printer performs the trial preceding print; and

printing the image data with the printer according to the desired specification set by the operation of the control panel.

38. (New) A process according to claim 37, further comprising receiving the image data from a communication line.

39. (New) A process according to claim 37, further comprising:

scanning at least one original page with a scanner to obtain a digital image thereof as the image data; and

storing the image data in a memory.

40. (New) A process according to claim 37, further comprising:

displaying a second touch screen menu on the control panel after the printer performs the trial preceding print; and

selecting a print button on the second touch screen menu to initiate printing of the image data according to the desired specification set by the operation of the control panel.

41. (New) A process for performing a trial preceding print in an image forming apparatus, comprising:

receiving image data at the image forming apparatus from at least one of a plurality of data processors communicatively coupled to the image forming apparatus;

receiving an instruction in response to a selection of a trial preceding button in a first touch screen menu on a control panel of the image forming apparatus to initiate a trial preceding print of image data without an additional user selection;

performing the trial preceding print of the image data with a printer in response to the selection of the trial printing button;

setting a desired specification according to operation of the control panel after the printer performs the trial preceding print; and

printing the image data with the printer according to the desired specification set by the operation of the control panel.

42. **(New)** A process for performing a trial preceding print in an image forming apparatus, comprising:

receiving an instruction in response to a selection of a touch screen trial printing button on a control panel to initiate a trial preceding print of image data without an additional user selection;

performing the trial preceding print with a printer by printing the image data in response to the selection of the trial printing button;

displaying a plurality of print value buttons on the control panel after the printer performs the trial preceding print, the plurality of print value buttons configured to be user selectable to permit a user to change a specification for printing from a specification used for the trial preceding print; and

printing the image data with the printer according to the changed specification if the user changes the specification from the specification used for the trial preceding print.

43. **(New)** A process according to claim 42, further comprising selecting a touch screen print button on the control panel to, if the user does not change the specification for printing, initiate printing of the image data according to the specification used for the trial preceding print.

44. (New) An image forming apparatus, comprising:

means for, in response to a selection of a trial preceding button in a first touch screen menu on a control panel of the image forming apparatus, initiating a trial preceding print of image data without an additional user selection;

means for performing the trial preceding print of the image data in response to the selection of the trial printing button;

means for setting a desired specification according to operation of the control panel after the printer performs the trial preceding print; and

means for printing the image data according to the desired specification set by the operation of the control panel.

45. (New) An image forming apparatus according to claim 44, further comprising means for receiving the image data from a communication line.

46. (New) An image forming apparatus according to claim 44, further comprising:

means for scanning at least one original page with a scanner to obtain a digital image thereof as the image data; and

means for storing the image data in a memory.

47. (New) An image forming apparatus according to claim 44, further comprising:

means for displaying a second touch screen menu on the control panel after the printer performs the trial preceding print; and

means for, in response to selection of a print button on the second touch screen menu, initiating printing of the image data according to the desired specification set by the operation of the control panel.